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In re application of: **Das et al.**

Serial No.: **09/915,826**

Filed: **July 25, 2001**

For: **Apparatus, System and Method  
for Automatically Making Operational  
Purchasing Decisions**

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- Response to Office Action;
- Original Signed Declarations Under Rule 1.131 from Rajarshi Das, James E. Hanson, Jeffrey O. Kephart and Steve R. White;
- Attachments: Exhibits A-B; and
- Our return postcard.

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In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Listing of the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.